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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I have a cell phone in order to keep in contact with my elderly parents when I am away from home. I do not have what you might consider a "regular job", instead I take care, or in today's lingo, I am their caregiver and spend almost 24/7 tending to their needs. I need the phone for emergencies and adding more cost to what I already pay for this service may mean I will not be able to afford the phone. Unfortunately it sounds as though "big business" is once again crushing those who help them stay in business.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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